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IN RE APPLICATION OF

SHUUICHI UENO, ET AL. : EXAMINER:

SERIAL NO: NEW APPLICATION

FILED: HEREWITH : GROUP ART UNIT:

FOR: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.